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NTC GREAT LAKES (COMPLEX) INSTRUCTION 5720.2

Subj: PUBLIC AFFAIRS FRIDAY TOUR PROGRAM

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 5720.44 Series, Section 0405

Encl: (1) Tour Script

1. Purpose. To implement the Commander, Naval Training Center, Great Lakes (CNTC), Community Friday Tour Program, incorporating guidance contained in reference (a).

2. Background. An important goal of any command's public affairs plan is to maintain positive relations between the command and the citizens of the surrounding communities. Community relations give the Commander a tangible means to provide citizens with a better understanding of the vital role performed by Naval Training Center (NTC), Great Lakes, in our country's national security interests. Tours are a powerful community-relations tool. They afford an excellent demonstration of the Navy's professionalism and core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment in action. Although tours can be demanding of personnel's time, the rewards gained in improved community relations are significant and lasting.

3. Mission. To inform community leaders in government, business, industry, and education of the important mission of NTC, Great Lakes, and its direct support of fleet readiness through leading-edge training and technology.

4. Plan

a. Tours will be scheduled on Fridays to ensure the opportunity to view recruit graduation. Initially, a tour will be scheduled on the first Friday of each month. However, if interest warrants, additional Fridays may be added.

b. A tour escort from the NTC, Public Affairs Office, will greet the group at the Recruit Training Command's Visitor Center. The itinerary is detailed in enclosure (1).

c. Escorts will accompany the group at all times and ensure the tour remains on schedule. At each stop, the escort will

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introduce a subject-named expert, who will guide the group through the detailed "look" of the respective trainer.

5. Action

a. NTC Public Affairs Officer (PAO) will:

(1) Coordinate all aspects of this plan.

(2) Provide one trained, uniformed individual to serve as tour guide.

(3) Market Tour Program, receive and schedule requests.

b. Assistant Chief of Staff, Quality of Life, will:

(1) Assist with marketing efforts to appropriate groups.

(2) Assist with writing, designing, printing, and distributing a professional brochure describing the tour program. This brochure, upon approval of the PAO, will serve as the primary marketing tool in reaching the target audiences listed in paragraph 3.

c. Commanding Officers of tenant commands will:

(1) Provide knowledgeable and courteous Subject-Named Experts (SNE) at each tour stop. SNEs will greet groups and give tours of their respective training facilities.

d. Officers, special assistants, and directors to tenant activities will support implementation of this plan, coordinating in advance with the NTC PAO to achieve desired objectives.


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(Time: 0845. Greet people at Visitor Center at RTC who are going on the tour.)

Good morning, and welcome to the Recruit Training Command (RTC), Great Lakes. My name is _____ and I will be your guide today. Briefly, today we will visit a recruit graduation ceremony, have lunch at Galley 928, and then make several stops to view the training curriculum, both here at RTC and at Service School Command (SSC). Our tour is scheduled to end at about 3 o'clock. There will be an opportunity to purchase souvenirs at NTC Museum at the tour's conclusion. You are welcome to take photos of what you see today and please don't hesitate to ask questions.

RTC, Great Lakes, has been the Navy's only "boot camp" since 1994. It graduates some 50,000 recruits each year while attracting nearly 145,000 visitors to graduations. A recruit will spend 65 days here prior to graduation. When the young men and women arrive, they are formed into divisions and assigned a Recruit Division Commander (RDC). For the next eight weeks, the "RDC" will be the person most directly responsible for molding the recruits into Navy men and women.

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	<p>The first three weeks of recruit training are the toughest. The workload is heavy and the recruits must adjust to a completely new way of life. Classroom instruction, military drill, physical fitness training, and instruction by the RDC leave the recruit little free time. During the third week, companies enter into the competitive aspect of training. Excellence in academic achievement, military drill, cleanliness, and athletics all count toward earning honor flags. The competition encourages teamwork and develops pride in achievement.</p> <p>In addition to normal classroom instruction periods, the recruits may spend hours in the “field” learning fundamentals of ordnance and gunnery, seamanship, swimming, water survival, and fire fighting. Three drill halls provide space for practice in competitive military drill and physical fitness training. Near the end of basic training, recruits undergo a final evaluation called, “Battle Stations.” We will see some of this training later in the tour.</p> <p>Well, it’s time to join the crowd and walk to Drill Hall 1200 to view today’s ceremony.</p>
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<p>(Time 1100: Graduation concludes, tour re-boards bus en route to Galley 928. Park bus in front of Staff line 4. While driving to galley say:)</p>	<p>Today we will eat lunch at Galley 928. The cost of the meal is \$3.20 per person. Galley 928 prepares 10,000 meals three times a day. That's 30,000 meals seven days a week!</p> <p>To put it in perspective, in 1997, recruits consumed 9.45 million meals; 146,000 pounds of ground beef; 447,000 loaves of bread; 261,000 gallons of milk; and 223,000 pounds of chicken.</p>
<p>(Time 1155; Re-board bus. Left turn on to Ohio St. and go to Bldg. 1312, Battle Stations Building. During drive say:)</p>	<p>"Battle Stations" began July 30, 1997. The program is designed to build dedication, teamwork, and endurance in each recruit through practical application of basic Navy skills and core values learned during recruit training. "Battle Stations" begins around 9 p.m. every night Sunday through Thursday and finishes the next morning around 11 a.m. There are currently 12 events in the program.</p>

(Time: 1225. Depart Bldg. 1312 and cross over Buckley Road to Confidence Course, Drill Hall 1414.)	The Confidence Course prepares recruits for life aboard ship. This maritime obstacle course challenges recruits physically and familiarizes them with tasks and equipment they'll use later in their careers. More importantly, recruits find that this is a team event. Recruits complete the course in groups of four. The object is to cross the finish line--not as an individual--but as a team. As in the fleet, recruits learn early that each member of the Navy team must support the next in order to accomplish the mission.
(Time: 1250. Depart Confidence Course en route to Main Gate NTC. Briefly park on south side of Ross Field across from Bldg. Four.	The parade field before you is Ross Field. It is named after Rear Admiral Ross, the first Commandant at the Training Station when it opened in 1911. The original 172 acres were purchased by the Merchants Club of Chicago and presented to the Navy for a token fee. President Taft dedicated the Training Center on October 28, 1911. The first recruit to pass through our gates was Joseph W. Gregg, a native of Indiana, who in 1966 returned to Great Lakes to be buried in a small cemetery near the Naval Hospital.

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	<p>At the east end of the parade grounds is Building One, the most well-known landmark at Great Lakes. Like the other original buildings ringing Ross Field, Building One was designed by Chicago architect, Jarvis Hunt. The clock tower atop the building was functional, as well as imposing; it concealed a 10,000-gallon water tank that provided water pressure to the fledgling station.</p> <p>Today, Building One is the headquarters for RADM Edward Hunter, Commander of the Naval Training Center. Naval Reserve Readiness Command, Region 13, is also headquartered here.</p> <p>Building Four, to your left, was originally an armory, but today it serves as a gymnasium. Building Three, just behind the reviewing stand, is headquarters for Service School Command (SSC) and also for Navy Recruiting Area Five.</p> <p>During World War II, Ross Field was home for a 20,000-seat football stadium. Removed at the end of the war, the stadium was the site of some outstanding football games, including one in November 1943 in which a Great Lakes team beat a previously undefeated University of Notre Dame team, depriving the Fighting Irish of a national football championship. Great Lakes also captured the 1918 Rose Bowl title by defeating a Marine Team from Mare Island, California.</p>
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	<p>The base movie theater, ahead of us on the right, was built during World War II and continues to show first-run films.</p> <p>The bandshell, or gazebo, to the left commemorates another aspect of Ross Field and the NTC; namely, our musical heritage. During 1917 and 1918 our band leader was LCDR John Phillip Sousa. On occasion, Sousa would stage spectacular shows on Ross Field, employing as many as 1,500 Navy musicians. Some 20,000-30,000 visitors would come to the base on weekends from Chicago and Milwaukee to witness the musical extravaganzas. Today, Navy Band Great Lakes provides quality musical entertainment throughout the Midwest.</p>
(Time: 1258. Drive to the Seaman ATD parking lot.)	<p>We are now entering Service School Command (SSC). This command provides approximately 70 percent of the Surface Navy's initial technical training. Altogether, 112 separate courses are taught at SSC and each school is officially accredited through the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools to ensure the curriculum meets or exceeds national standards. The command consists of three major departments: Combat Systems Schools, Engineering Systems Schools, and the New Technologies Training Department.</p>

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	<p>Our first stop will be the Seaman Apprenticeship Training Division and the USS Whitehat. This course trains approximately 7,000 personnel annually in the fundamentals of seamanship, watchstanding, shipboard navigation, bridge watch team duties, underway replenishment, and general shipboard orientation. The course lasts two weeks.</p>
<p>(Time: 1325. Depart Seaman ATD. At stop sign turn left.)</p>	<p>To your right is Constitution Field. Here, in 1945, the Great Lakes baseball team, led by baseball hall-of-famer, Bob Feller, shut out the Chicago Cubs on three hits.</p> <p>At the far end of Constitution Field is the enlisted club, the outdoor pool, and our McDonalds' restaurant. Great Lakes was the first Naval base to have a McDonalds and it continues to be one of the busiest in the McDonalds' chain. A percentage of the restaurant profits goes to the base recreation fund to benefit all Great Lakes' sailors.</p>

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<p>(Turn right on Luce Blvd.)</p>	<p>Just ahead is our newest staff barracks, Boorda Hall, named after Admiral Mike Boorda, a Great Lakes graduate and the only enlisted Sailor to rise in rank and serve as Chief of Naval Operations. The building began accepting residents last fall and has seven floors containing 455 suites. Each suite is air-conditioned, and has a microwave, refrigerator, kitchenette, ceiling fans, and a private bath with tub and shower.</p>
<p>(Time: 1330. Park at Airman ATD)</p>	<p>Our second stop is the Airman Apprenticeship Training Division. The curriculum lasts three weeks and graduates approximately 10,000 students a year. The Division's main mission is to send fundamentally-trained Sailors to the fleet to take an active role at their new command, either aboard an aircraft carrier, or at a Naval Air Station (NAS) as a member of a squadron. The school currently has 2 A-7 Corsair jets, which were an integral part of the Navy's attack squadrons during the early 1970s until the late 1980s.</p>

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(Time: 1355. Depart for GS Hot Plant.)	<p>Our final stop today is a visit to the gas turbine hot plant.</p> <p>Inside this building you will see fully operational gas turbine power plants from a Navy guided missile frigate and an Aegis class cruiser. The school's mission is to provide apprenticeship and advanced training to both electrical and mechanical enlisted gas turbine technicians. Some 1,100 students graduate from the program each year from a curriculum ranging in length from 8 to 14 weeks.</p>
(Time: 1500. Depart GS Hot Plant.)	<p>This concludes our tour. I hope each of you has found it entertaining and informative. Some of our country's finest young men and women pass through Great Lakes on their way to the fleet. Be as proud of them as they are of themselves. It has been my pleasure to serve as your tour guide today. Thank you for coming to see a small part of the world's greatest Navy. Our final stop will be the Great Lakes Museum which contains many interesting and educational exhibits of our colorful history. You will also have the opportunity to purchase a memento of your visit to Great Lakes.</p>



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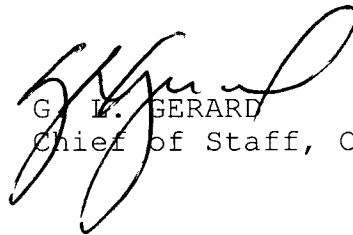
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1. Purpose. To issue change one to the basic instruction.
2. Action. Make the following pen and ink changes to the basic instruction.

a. Enclosure (1), page 8, first paragraph, delete "(Turn right on Luce Blvd.)". Delete the words, "...began accepting residents last fall and.." from the fourth line.

b. Enclosure (1), page 8, delete second paragraph in its entirety.

c. Enclosure (1), page 9, first paragraph, delete "(Time: 1355. Depart for GS Hot Plant.)" and replace it with, "(Time: 1330. Turn right on Isherwood Ave. Park at GS Hot Plant.)"



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